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REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. Claim 5 has been cancelled.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants believe that the present amendment obviates this rejection.

In imposing the rejection, the Official Action alleged that the term "the molar mass of a different molecular species of the present having a principal peak of about 15,000 Daltons" was indefinite. The Official Action suggested that the term be amended to recite "whereby the molar mass of the active principal has a principal peak at about 15,000 Daltons". In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claim 1 has been amended to recite the phrase suggested by the Official Action.

Claim 3 was rejected for allegedly being awkward for reciting the phrase "or so that the pH is maintained constant between 4.0 and 10.0". The Official Action recommended that the phrase be amended to recite "is constantly maintained at a pH

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between 4.0 and 10.0". Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate this recitation.

Claim 4 was rejected for reciting the phrase "or so that the temperature is maintained between 35 and 80°C". The Official Action alleged that this term is also awkward. As suggested by the Official Action, claim 4 has been amended to recite the phrase, "is constantly maintained at a temperature between 35 and 80°C".

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for her suggestions as how to overcome these rejections. As a result, Applicants believe that claims 1-4 are definite to one of ordinary skill in the art.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, with claims 1-4 as presented. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis are accordingly respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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